

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2581
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CLOSURE OF COLLIERIES UNDER BCCL
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a): the coal reserves with BCCL at the time of take over and also at present in Mohoda Area now Western Jharia area ;
- (b): whether most of the collieries in this area have been closed down ;
- (c): if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d): the steps taken by the Government to revive these mines ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): The mineral reserve upto 600M depth in Western Jharia area at the time of take over and at present are as indicated below:-

(i) At the time of take over	-	1359.00 Lakh Tonnes
(ii) At present	-	1099.00 Lakh Tonnes

(b): Only two mines of this area named Bhurungia mine and Murulidih mine have been closed down after nationalisation.

(c): Murulidih mine have been closed down due to exhaustion of reserve. Bhurungia mine have been closed down due to safety reasons and restrictions imposed by DGMS.

(d): For revival of Bhurungia mine, heavy capital investment is required with low rates of return. There are no schemes/plans at present to re-open this mine on techno- economic consideration.